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# WHITE OAK NEWS

## White Oak Science Gateway



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*The White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan seeks to leverage the many assets located in the White Oak area and establish the foundation upon which the area may evolve into a community that offers more opportunities to learn, live, work and play. The Plan also envisions the commercial centers will evolve from conventional, auto-dependent suburban shopping retail centers, business parks and light industrial areas into vibrant, mixed-use, transit-served nodes.*

### COMMUNITY NOTES

- *Friends of White Oak*—check the White Oak Website for agendas, details, meeting minutes, plans and updates at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/wosgl/index.html>. Next meeting is Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 pm. Stay tuned for coming events sponsored by the FOWO in cooperation with the Montgomery County Recreation, Transportation, Planning and Parks Departments.
- Visit the East County Regional Services Center calendar for local clubs, medical clinics, and classes at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eastcounty/>.
- View the 2019 Marketing & Placemaking Plan for White Oak at [https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/Resources/Files/White%20Oak\\_Marketing%20Comm%20FINAL%20Plan%20Low%20Resolution%20\(002\).pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/Resources/Files/White%20Oak_Marketing%20Comm%20FINAL%20Plan%20Low%20Resolution%20(002).pdf)
- Financial Scams Targeting Seniors: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/POL/Resources/Files/PDF/2D/FinancialScamsTargetingSeniors.pdf>



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## ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE WHITE OAK MEDICAL CENTER OPENED AUGUST 25, 2019

The Adventist HealthCare White Oak Medical Center officially opened its doors on Sunday, August 25, 2019. More than 70 patients were transported from the Takoma Park location to the new White Oak facility. The \$400 million state of the art facility is equipped with 180 private rooms. Details in design include reclaimed White Oak trees from the site, made into benches and board room tables; stonework and an efficient design of the emergency room and patient care units. Everything is state of the art and the construction is U.S. Green Building Council Leed Gold. Special thank you to the federal, state and local leaders; as well as the members of Friends of White Oak, LabQuest, community leaders and county government who helped make the new hospital a reality. For more information, visit [AdventistWhiteOak.com](http://AdventistWhiteOak.com) and follow the hospital on Facebook: [Facebook.com/AdventistWOMC](https://Facebook.com/AdventistWOMC).



# WOSG PROJECTS FOR FUTURE PLANNING BOARD AGENDAS

DETAILS AT [HTTPS://WWW.MONTGOMERYCOUNTYMD.GOV/EXEC/WOSG/INDEX.HTML](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/EXEC/WOSG/INDEX.HTML)



**HILLANDALE GATEWAY: UP TO 72,000 SQ. FT. OF RETAIL, 155 AGE-RESTRICTED AFFORDABLE DWELLING UNITS, AND 7,000 SQ. FT. OF OFFICE**



**TOWN CENTER: UP TO 75,000 SQ. FT. OF RETAIL, INCLUDING A GROCERY STORE AND UP TO 275 HIGH-RISE UNITS, INCLUDING 25% MPDUS**



## What you don't know . . .

The FBI estimates there is a burglary nationally every 15 seconds. This amounts to millions of dollars of YOUR stolen property. Help safeguard your home by making a few worthwhile upgrades.

## Did you know . . . ?

- ✓ Most burglars enter the property from the rear of the home. It's more isolated, and they are less likely to bring attention to themselves.
- ✓ Many burglars make entry through hinged doors and operable windows. Sliding glass doors and plate glass windows can be targets.
- ✓ Loud dogs and nosy neighbors can be a significant deterrent.
- ✓ Many burglars will knock on the front door to assess if anyone is home. If you or a latchkey child are home, make your presence known.



- ✓ Most burglars do not want a confrontation and may not carry a weapon.
- ✓ Most burglars want easy-to-carry items, such as electronics, jewelry, cash.
- ✓ Alarms may not deter a burglar, but it does limit the time a burglar is in the home.

## Doors

Good quality doors and locks along with proper installation can mean the difference between an attempted burglary and a successful burglary.

- ✓ Doors should be solid material – wood, steel or fiberglass.
- ✓ If there is decorative glass in the door or windows adjacent to the door, be sure it does not allow access to a lock if the window is broken OR have other safety measures in place – glass film, polycarbonate material or double cylinder locks (where code allows).
- ✓ Deadbolt locks should have at least a 1” throw (the bolt) to fit solidly into the framing.

- ✓ The strike plate (the brass plate at the door frame) should have 4 screws, preferably each being 4” long, to ensure it is firmly attached to the trim and framing.

Each of these components plays an important role. When used together properly, it could prevent a burglary.



## Windows

Windows should have double or triple pane glass to minimize easy breakage.

- ✓ If possible, choose windows with 2 locking devices to help delay entry. Larger windows often have 2 crescent locks or other locking mechanism on the windows.
- ✓ Secondary lock-offs can be used to delay or discourage entry. Some are built into the windows while others are after-market items.

## Landscaping

Keeping trees and shrubs properly trimmed will lessen hiding places for a burglar.

- ✓ A deciduous tree should have its lowest limb at 6’ from the ground.
- ✓ Shrubs should be maintained at a height of between 2’ - 3’.

These recommendations allow a person to be more easily seen due to better visual access.

- ✓ Thorny plants can be utilized in vulnerable locations. Some recommendations are rose, pyracantha, barberry and holly.

## HOME SECURITY TIPS FROM POLICE DISTRICT 3 (CONT')



### Vacations and Holidays

Burglaries can occur while you are out of town. To help minimize your chances take the following into consideration:

- ✓ Decide whether to stop the mail or newspaper. Ask a trusted neighbor to gather them for you. Cancelling service can signal your absence.
- ✓ Have a neighbor park in your driveway or in front of your home.
- ✓ Timers on lights at night tuned to your normal schedule can show the appearance of your typical routine.
- ✓ Free papers and flyers may still be left at residence.

### Alarms

Audible alarms notify the burglar. Monitored alarms notify the police. Very often an alarm system will limit the time a burglar is in a home, limiting the amount of property stolen.

### Safes

A safe can be very useful to safeguard your items. Research the type of safe you need. A burglar safe keeps someone from breaking in, but often does not keep an item from charring in a fire. A fire safe can keep documents from burning, but may be easily opened.

### Home Inventory

A home inventory of valuables can be extremely important in retrieving your property and closing a case.

- ✓ Make a list of property to include the make, model and serial number.
- ✓ Include portable devices and kids' game consoles and items as well.
- ✓ Take pictures of jewelry while wearing it to show scale. Keep any appraisals with the inventory list.
- ✓ Keep the list in a secure location.

**Schedule your home security survey with your Community Services Officer.**

### Important Numbers

District Community Service Officers	
1st District .....	240-773-6070
2nd District .....	240-773-6700
3rd District .....	240-773-6800
4th District .....	240-773-5500
5th District .....	240-773-6200
6th District .....	240-773-5700
Central Auto Theft .....	240-773-6370
Police Emergency .....	911
Non-Emergency .....	301-279-8000



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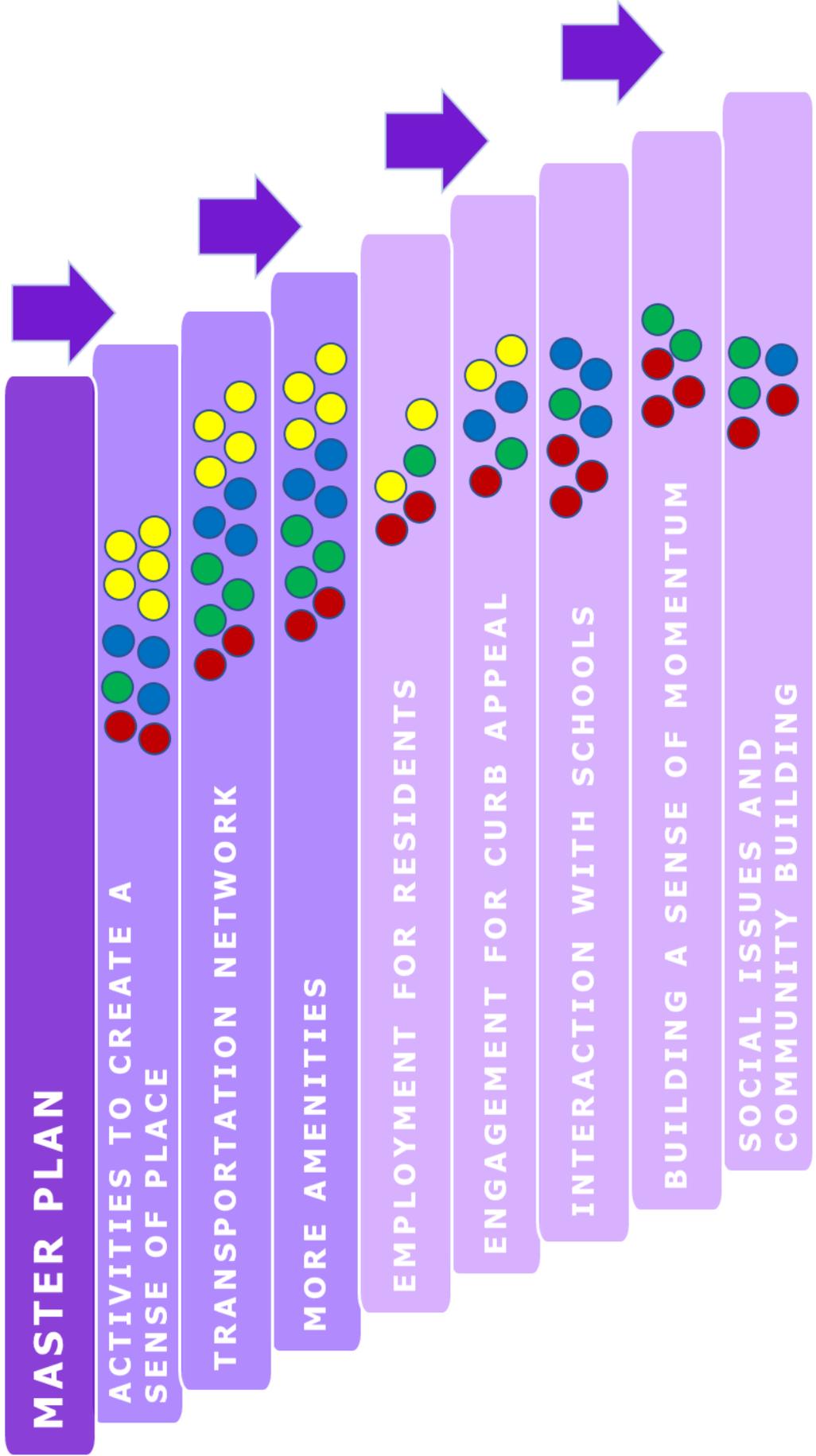
# Home Security

*Safety Tips To  
Keep Your Home  
and Valuables Safe*



- = Community
- = Group or Employer
- = Personal
- = Highest Priority

# FRIENDS OF WHITE OAK PRIORITIES 2019



## FRIENDS OF WHITE OAK MINUTES

June 11, 2019

- Members present were Shana, Elisse, June, Ken, Chris, Bruce, Rachael, Dave, Shane, Barry and Pete (staff). Fatmata, Brian and Kim were necessarily absent.
- Pete welcomed everyone and noted Lt. Bruce Cole of District 2 as the newest member of the Board. Lt. Cole took a few moments to intro himself and discuss his over 20 years of service with the Police.
- Minutes Approved by email for May 7, 2019. The Agenda and Minutes were made available to the public and posted on the website.
- Alex Cooper, the Managing Director of the DMV Food Truck Association, was the guest speaker. DMVFTA is a non-profit with 167 members. They advocate for and promote food/mall truck businesses and events by lobbying on legislation, coordinating events, providing tools for potential customers to plan events, and a monthly newsletter. All members must be certified, licensed and insured. Pete asked Alex to talk about how FOWO could go about planning their first food truck event. Alex explained the details and how DMVFTA can help. Dave asked about security needs for a food truck event. Only recommended for events of 500+. Shana wanted to know the ratio with respect to the number of trucks to event attendees. Depends on the type of event, but on average it's one truck per 100 attendees. Rachael asked about fees. The basic assistance from DMVFTA is free, but they offer paid service for major events. The fee paid by truck vendors is up to the event organizer – many do not charge a fee. Rachael asked how many mobile mall members are there? 100 Barry asked what an event looks like. Are they complimented by other vendors like a bounce houses for kids, face painting, music, etc. Each community's event is different and it's up to the organizer, but DMVFTA does coordinate with other services if needed.
- Pete introduced Luis Estrada, Planner Coordinator for Area 2 at the Planning Department. Luis gave some background on what he does at Planning. Then he and Pete gave an overview of White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan via PowerPoint. Shane cited a history of the area and how they got to the master plan as well as the FDA's migration. Much of the credit was rightfully given to LabQuest, a local group of volunteers who advocated for the FDA's move to White Oak. The 1990s BRAC Plan eliminated the once Naval facility at the campus; and the campus was perfect for the FDA to relocate. A vision was created and then the master plan, resulting in the rezoning of the White Oak area. Ken asked why FOWO was formed if LabQuest exists. Pete and Shane responded FOWO was created under the Leggett Administration to be more inclusive of the community. While the two may appear to overlap, FOWO goes beyond the master plan with placemaking, events, community engagement and aesthetics. Shana asked what LabQuest was doing today. Shane responded they are still advocating at all levels of government for the master plan and legislation that benefits White Oak. They also attend events and stay involved (over)

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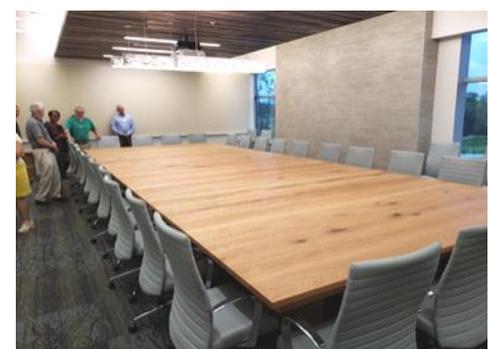
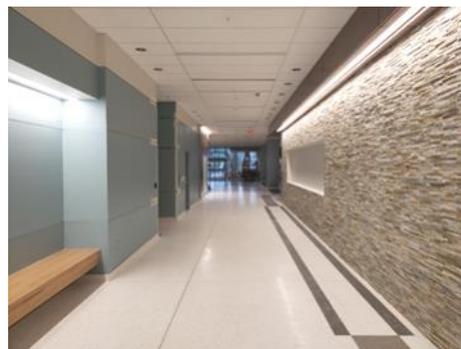
June 11, 2019 (cont.)

with the FDA migration plan. Shana asked if a business wishes to locate in White Oak, who do they contact. Pete said they could reach out to him or the MCED Corporation.

- Lt. Cole announced the Shell Station in White Oak is being taken over by corporate and employees are losing their jobs. Pete said he would investigate it.
- Shana asked who was going into the Trader Joe's spot at Lockwood once they move north to the Town Center? Pete said he would reach out to the center and MCEDCorporation.
- Luis gave a quick overview of the new Thrive Montgomery 2050 program. It's a listening tour for the Planning Staff to receive public input on the County's General Plan which is being amended soon. A schedule was shared, and Pete said he would post the information.
- From the Board was deferred due to time.
- Comments by Pete were deferred due to time.
- From the Public was deferred due to time.
- Meeting adjourned

July 11, 2019

- The July FOWO meeting was a tour of the new Adventist Health Care White Oak Medical Center which opened on August 25th.



## FRIENDS OF WHITE OAK MINUTES

July 11, 2019 (cont.)

More FOWO Adventist tour photos . . .



## LOCAL AREA TRANSPORTATION IMPACT PROGRAM (LATIP)— HILLANDALE

After several community meetings, further intersection specific analysis was recommended for Powder Mill Road, Elton Road and New Hampshire Avenue. Therefore the County hired a consultant to address the issues. The bulk of the traffic evaluation is largely complete, but the consultant is performing follow-up field verification. By the end of September, the consultant anticipates finalizing the proposals to bring the intersections to within the delay standards; this will include cost/impact analyses. More information may be found at [https://montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dir/dev\\_review/whiteoak.html](https://montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dir/dev_review/whiteoak.html).

## FLASH—ROUTE 29 BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT)

The US 29 Bus Rapid Transit project construction is about 40% complete. The construction work is ongoing for twelve station platforms out of eighteen. The design for station elements

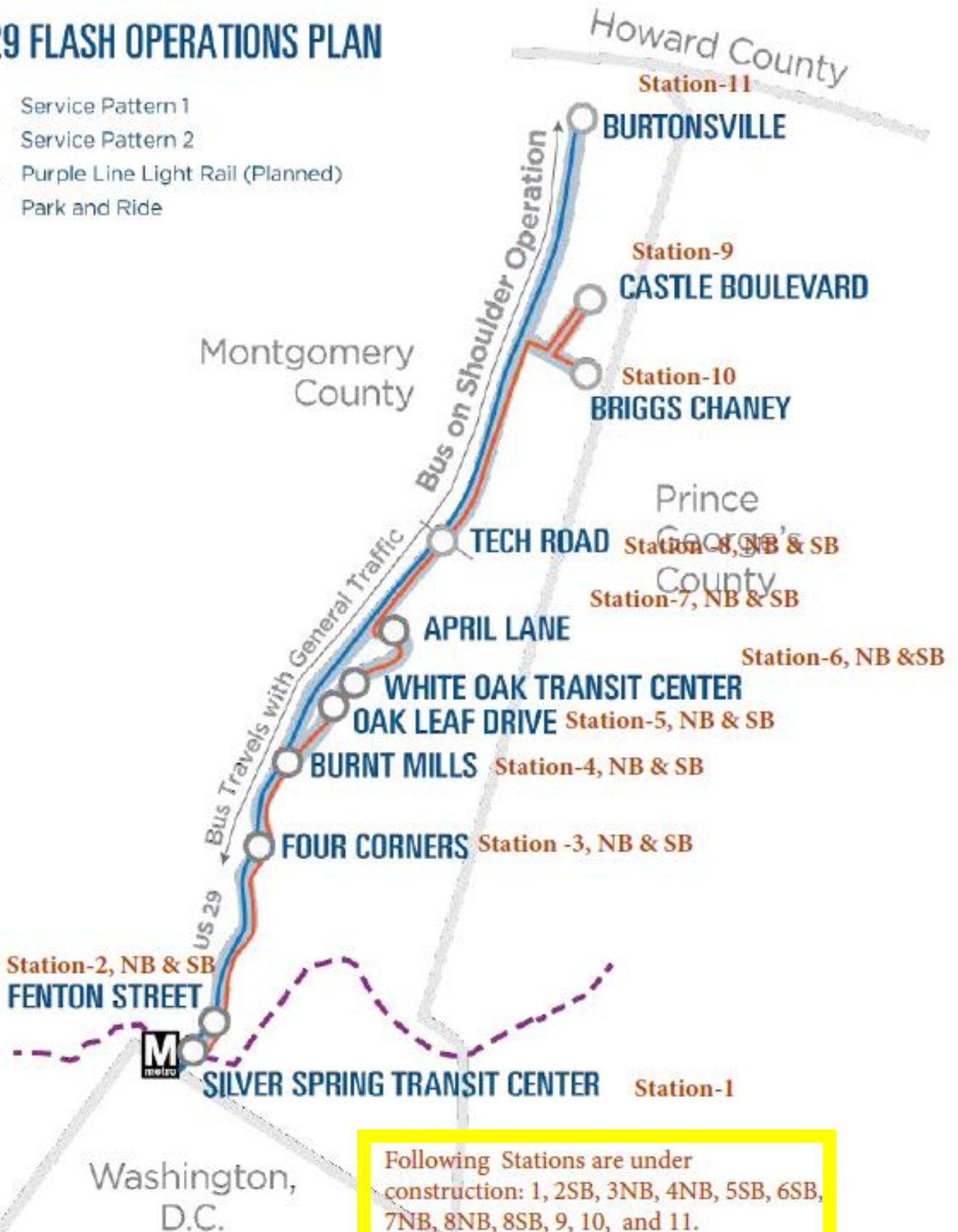


like canopies and markers is complete and fabrication work has begun. More information may be found at <https://www.ridetheflash.com/us29/>.

# BUS RAPID TRANSIT STATION CONSTRUCTION & STATION LOCATIONS

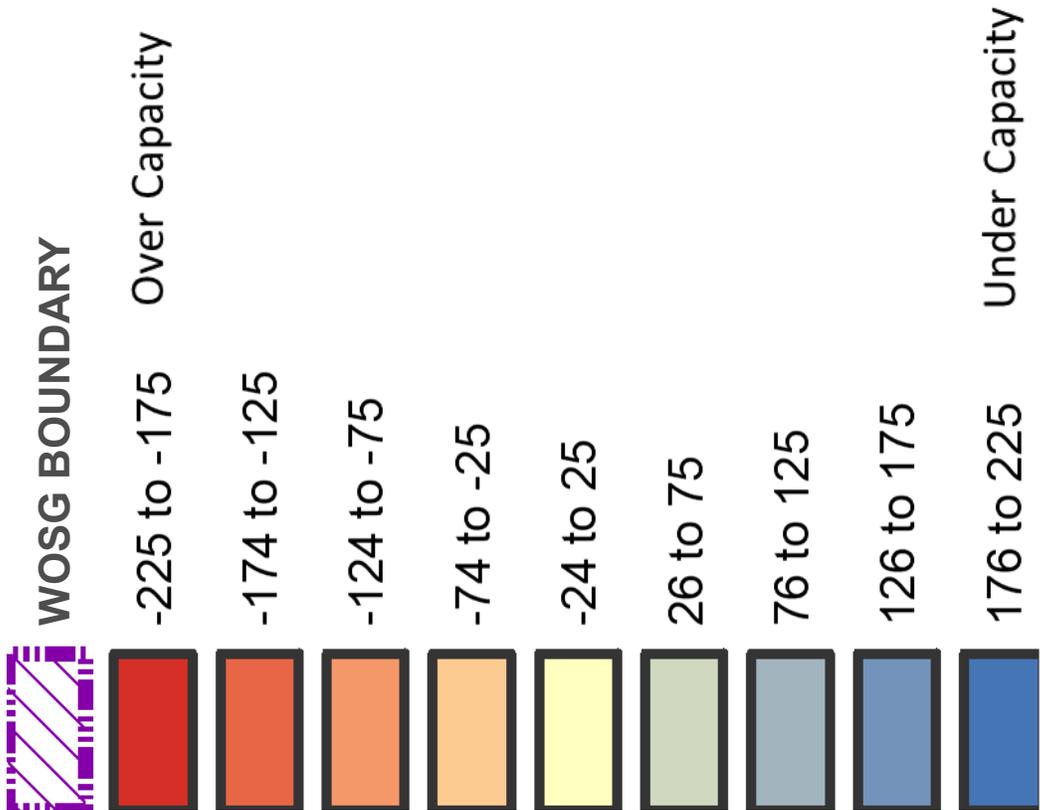
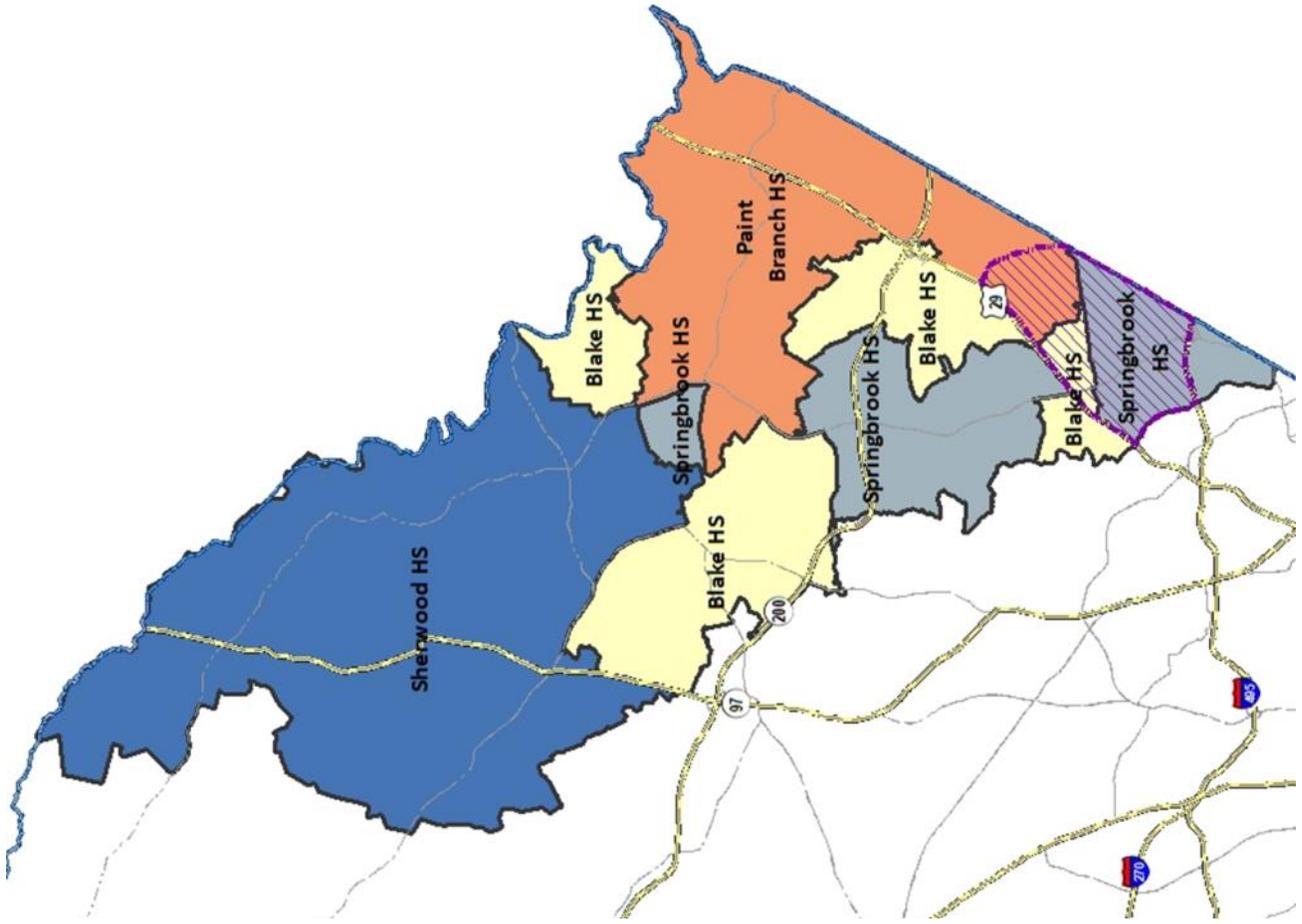
## US 29 FLASH OPERATIONS PLAN

- Service Pattern 1
- Service Pattern 2
- Purple Line Light Rail (Planned)
- Park and Ride

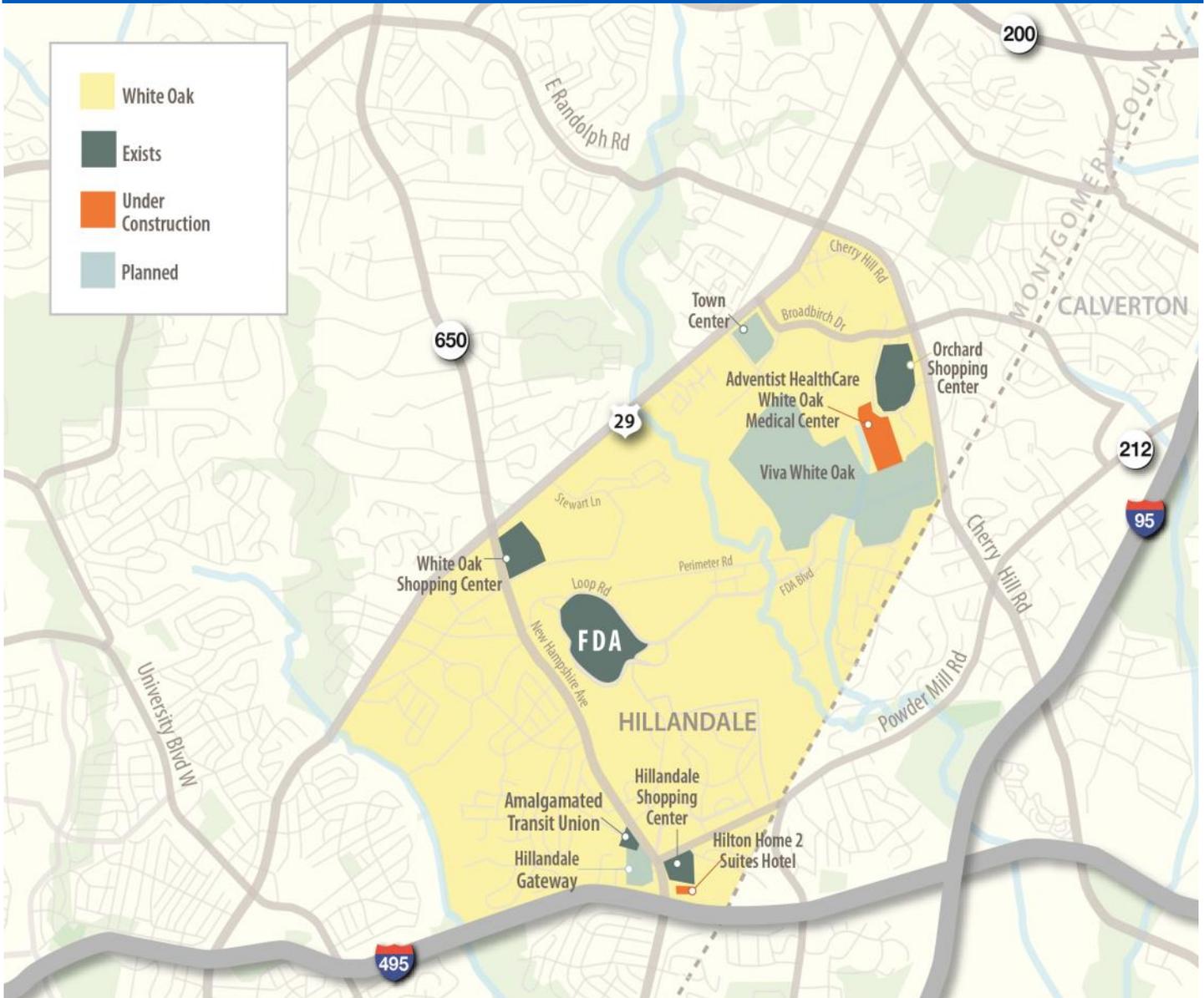


Following Stations are under construction: 1, 2SB, 3NB, 4NB, 5SB, 6SB, 7NB, 8NB, 8SB, 9, 10, and 11.

FYI— ESTIMATED HIGH SCHOOL UTILIZATION IN 2024-3025



# WHITE OAK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS



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